



**SEPTEMBER 08, 2024**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: SEP 07-SEP 15, 2024**

SAT, SEP 07	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, SEP 08	9:00 AM	FOR WALTER SKONIECZKI BY BARBARA PARANICH
MON, SEP 09	8:00 AM	FOR MARY CHIHON BY HER FAMILY
TUE, SEP 10	6:00 PM	FOR WILLIAM MALONEY, JR. BY BILL & JENNY
WED, SEP 11	7:30 AM	<b>HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION</b>
SAT, SEP 14	4:00 PM	FOR GEORGE & DOROTHY WERTZ BY GEORGE & REBECCA WERTZ
SUN, SEP 15	9:00 AM	FOR HILDA & GEORGE WHARTON BY PAT PARTNER & FAMILY

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for the deceased or for special intentions, you will find envelopes at each entrance of the church or you can stop in or call the office. *Please keep in mind that we schedule as we receive mass intentions (we cannot schedule more than one year in advance) and will do our best to honor your requests. Let us be kind and considerate of others and allow as many as possible in our parish family to be able to request a celebration of Mass and remember that the value of a Mass is infinite no matter when it is celebrated.*

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, Sep 14, 4:00 PM:**

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* T. Evanskey  
*2nd Reading:* T. Bucher  
*Introduction & Intercession:* A. Bucher  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
*Host:* T. Hoffer  
*Cup:* M. Kissell & J. Lovrich  
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith  
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

**Sunday, Sep 15, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* S. Caldwell  
*2nd Reading:* Sr. Linda  
*Introduction & Intercession:* S. Shaulis  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
*Host:* T. Colabove  
*Cup:* T. Burr & C. Weyandt  
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock  
HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	AUG 26-SEP 01, 2024	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,462.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,110.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,540.00
ROOF REPAIR	\$	13,465.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,577.00</b>
<b>2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,753.00</b>
<b>CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,712.42</b>

**SAINT JOSEPH ON-LINE GIVING**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG)

**THANK YOU** for your **Support and Generosity**. Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life. What makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH is a charitable trust of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, bishop and trustee.

**BAPTISM OF INFANTS:** Notify pastor during pregnancy for arrangements and parental/God-parent Faith formation. A Preparation class for Parents and God-parents is required prior to Child's Baptism. Please contact Sr. Linda LaMagna to make arrangements to attend a Preparation Class. (814) 742-7894 or [llamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto:llamagna@dioceseaj.org)

**CONFIRMATION:** Formation, classes, and service hours as required by the Diocese.

**HOLY MATRIMONY:** Notify pastor at least six months before the desired wedding date; Diocesan-approved marriage preparation course required.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** By request.

**PENANCE:** Saturdays at 3:30 PM and anytime by request.

**MASS SCHEDULE:** Weekend: Saturday-4:00 PM, Sunday-9:00 AM Holy Days of Obligation and Daily Mass as published.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** The deadline to have information considered for the bulletin is Thursday at 12:00 NOON for the upcoming weekend. Information can be placed in the box on the office door, in the collection basket, or emailed to [abishopamato@dioceseaj.org](mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org).

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Stuart Crocker, Peter Gardella, Jr., Filomena Long., Barbara Paranych, Janine Schirf, , Dominic Tornatore, Jessica Steinbauer, Christopher Wagner, Rebecca Wertz

*Interested in becoming Catholic?* Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075.

SCHOOLS: St. Joseph Parish supports St. Matthew and Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School.

**LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT** for Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Christmas?

Please try our Parish **RAISERIGHT (formerly SCRIP) PROGRAM**. See a representative in the Vestibule after mass to order gift cards for shopping at places like Hometown Market, Martin's, Sheetz, Sam's Club, Walmart, Lowe's or Home Depot. Place an order after mass and pick up your card the following weekend. (*Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand.*) Our parish will then receive a percentage back. Thank you for your support.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING** - Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** - Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.



**REMINDER: Order forms for the Marianna's Hoagie & Pizza Fundraiser for the Bellwood-Tyrone Backyard Brawl Order Forms are due today, Sunday, September 8.** If you didn't get an order form, there are forms at each entrance. Please make out checks to St. Joseph Church.

**Order Pick up is Friday, September 20, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.**, in the church hall. Thank you for your support.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** Last week's **Second Collection for the Church Roof project brought in \$13,465.00.** If you didn't get a chance to get your donation in, there are still envelopes available at each entrance of the church.



*We have two parishioners from our Parish who would like to help us raise money to cover the cost of the new roof for our Church, rectory and garage, all of which will done all at the same time in the spring of 2025. They are willing to match any donation that is made by any parishioner, up to \$50,000 dollars total. Thus, if someone donates \$10.00, the donors will match it and make \$20.00; if someone donates \$20.00 they will match it and make \$40.00, etc.*

**THERE IS A GATHERING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, from 4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

Do you know of someone who would like to explore the faith of the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who wants to simply inquire or ask questions about our faith? Invite them to our First Inquiry Session which will be held on **TUESDAY, September 17, from 4:30 - 5:30, in the Chapel area.** They can call Sr. Linda to sign up in advance, or to talk if they would like, (814) 742-7894, or just show up on September 17, at 4:30 p.m.

**REST IN PEACE** - Please pray for the soul of our parishioner, Mary Kay McCracken, who passed away on August 30, 2024. May our good gracious God grant her eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!" Our readings today offer us a message of hope – God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The prophecy in our first reading and the story in our Gospel overwhelm us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on these readings, we see that God uses these moments of physical healing as opportunities to restore something much deeper – our souls.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education for Grade and High School students begins this Sunday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m. for Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, and Sunday evenings for Junior High (grades 7 & 8) and High School students (grades 9-11), from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### PARENT MEETINGS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◇ A meeting will be held for the **Parents of our Grade School Students on Sunday, September 15, from 10:15-11:15 a.m.** In the Church. This meeting will be held while the children are in Religious Education Class.
- ◇ A meeting will be held with **Parents and Junior High/High School Students together**, on Sunday evening, September 22, at 6:00 -7:15 p.m. in the parish School Hall. Students may leave with their parents as soon as the meeting is completed.

**11th GRADE STUDENTS** should begin to pray about and talk with their parents about whom they would like to choose for their sponsor. Please review the Qualifications paper before choosing your sponsor.

**A SPONSOR-CANDIDATE/PARENT MEETING** for the 11th Grade Students, with their chosen sponsors, and their parents, will be held on Sunday Afternoon, October 20, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall. **11th Grade Students should inform their chosen sponsors of this meeting**

**BAPTISM CLASS FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS:** September 18, at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Contact Sister Linda at 814-742-7894.

**FREE SOUP & DESSERT EVERY WEDNESDAY THRU THE HOPE CENTER.** This is an outreach of the Council of Churches. Lunches will be delivered to the elderly & disabled. If you would like a meal or know of someone who would, call Stella (814-742-9127).

### SR. ANGELA MARIE TO SPEAK AT NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Sr. Angela Marie Igou, Vocation and Novice Director, for the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, September 17th Night of Worship sponsored by Holy Spirit Ministry. The evening of prayer will begin at 7pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. Praise and worship music will precede Sr. Angela Marie's talk. Sister will share her own vocation story and share about her life as a Sacred Heart Sister. Everyone is encouraged to come and learn about vocations, as well as to pray for vocations. All ages are most welcome!

**40 HOURS DEVOTION at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly (608 Main Street).** All are invited to 40 Hours Devotion in Lilly on the following days: Sunday, September 8 to Tuesday, September 10. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with a Devotional Service each evening at 7:00pm. Fr. Timothy Harris, T.O.R. will be the guest Presider and Homilist each evening. Confessions will be offered at the end of each Devotional Service. All are welcome!

**TIM FRANCIS, A NATIONAL SPEAKER OUT OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS,** who gives parish missions on Eucharistic Miracles and how the science has led people to faith, will be speaking at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on Saturday, September 14th following the 6 PM mass from 7:30 to 10:00 PM and Sunday, September 15, following the 5 PM mass from 6:30-9:00 PM. He will also be speaking on Monday, September 16th at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. The website for the event is: [www.sciencetestsfaith.com/pa](http://www.sciencetestsfaith.com/pa)